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Mr. Garrison

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I have been waiting to see what those who give the signal note for battle in the moral reforms of the day, proposed to do for the agitation of those reforms which could be properly agitated in the approaching constitutional convention - and have as yet heard no signal but from Lucy Stone and her coadjutors.

It occurs to me that the present Sabbath laws, although they are Statute laws and in violation of the constitution as at present framed; yet may be reached by so wording some parts of the fundamental law that it will be a greater absurdity than now to frame such absurd and wicked Statute laws thereupon -

Also the present law in relation
to the religious qualification of
witnesses, or to be put out of
sight by the bright effulgence of
our fundamental law or constitution
which shall be so worded that the
right of every one to enjoy his own
conscience in religious matters, and
to be protected therein, shall be un-
controversial -

It seems to me that these points
ought to be brought before the con-
vention by petition - and as I
have seen no movement towards
this end, I venture to make this
suggestion to you - and expect
that it will pass for what you
may think it worth -

You will please understand
that this is a private suggestion
to you - and not for the "Lib-
erator" at all

Yours for the truth Joseph A. Howland